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Retain Topics 9, 10 and 11 (p.8). (C)

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6. No recommendations are made for French and British Togoland, French Cameroons, French Equatorial Africa and French Somaliland.

7. FRENCH WEST AFRICA

Retain Topic 2 (p.17). (C)

8. LIBERIA

Retain Topics 3 and 4 (p.18). (C)

Insert the following as a topic:

"(1) Furnish any available information on trade, direct or indirect with the Soviet Bloc, including attempts to circumvent Western (COCOM) export controls by transshipping strategic commodities." (C)

9. MADAGASCAR

Insert the following as a topic:

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10. MOROCCO

Omit Topic 4 (p.21) and insert the following topics:

(1) Furnish any available information on trade, direct or indirect between Morocco and the Soviet Bloc, including attempts to circumvent Western (COCOM) export controls by transshipping strategic commodities. (C)

(2) The term "neutral payment via Tangier" often appears in illicit East-West trade negotiations. Provide all possible information on meaning of this term, including method of payment, advantage of this method and firms or individuals participating. (C)

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- (3) Furnish any information on exceptional activity in Sino-Soviet Bloc funds held by Tangier banks. (C)
- (4) Furnish any information that Soviet gold is being routed or marketed through Tangier. (C)
- (5) What part do Tangier financiers play in the dollar balances in international trade? Furnish any information on financial manipulations of a suspect or unusual nature particularly with respect to U.S. dollars and other "hard currencies". (C)

11. PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN AFRICA (Angola and Mozambique)

No recommendations made.

12. SOMALIA

No recommendations made.

13. SPANISH AFRICA

No recommendations made.

14. TUNISIA

Retain Topic 6 (p.25). (C)

Insert the following topics:

- (1) Furnish any available information on trade, direct or indirect, between Tunisia and the Soviet Bloc, including attempts to circumvent western (COCOM) export controls by transshipping strategic commodities. (C)
- (2) Provide any information available of smuggling or attempts to smuggle diamonds to the Soviet Bloc via Tunisia, including the type and quantity of diamonds, individuals or firms involved, financial arrangements and methods of transportation. (C)

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15. UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Retain Topic 5 (p.27). (C)

Insert the following topic:

- (1) Furnish any available information on trade, direct or indirect, between Union of South Africa and the Soviet Bloc, including attempts to circumvent Western (COCOM) export controls by transshipping strategic commodities. (C)

II. ARAB STATES [REDACTED] 25X6A

1. EGYPT

Retain Topics 3-b, 1, and j (p.29). (C)

2. IRAQ

Retain Topics 5, 6, and 7 (p.31). (C)

3. [REDACTED] 25X6A

Retain Topic 13 (p.33). (C)

Insert the following topic:

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4. JORDAN

Retain Topics 13 and 14 (p.35). (C)

5. LEBANON

Retain Topic 4 (p.36) and Topics 5, 6, 7 and 8 (p.37). (C)

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6. LIBYA

Retain Topic 2-e (p.38) and Topics 3 and 4 (p.39). (C)

7. SAUDI ARABIA

Retain Topics 2-f (p.40) and Topics 3-a and 4 (p.41). (C)

8. SUDAN

Retain Topic 8 with all subtopics (p.42). (C)

9. SYRIA

Retain Topics 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (p.44). (C)

10. ARAB REFUGEES

No recommendations are made.

III. GREECE, TURKEY, IRAN

1. CYPRUS

Retain Topic 7 (p.49). (C)

2. GREECE

Retain Topics 15-h and i, 17 and 18 (p.53). (C)

3. IRAN

Retain Topics 9-d (p.55) and Topics 9-f, 12-b, c and d (p.56). (C)

4. TURKEY

Retain Topics 11-f and 12-a (p.62) and 12-e (p.63). (C)

IV. SOUTH ASIA

1. AFGHANISTAN

Retain Topics 5-a and b (p.66), e, g and k (p.67). (C)

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2. BHUTAN

No recommendations are made.

3. CEYLON

Retain Topic 14 (p.70). (C)

Add the following as a topic:

- (1) "Furnish any information available on trade, direct or indirect, between Ceylon and the Sino-Soviet Bloc, including attempts to circumvent Western (COCOM-CHINCOM) export controls by transshipping strategic commodities." (C)

4. INDIA

Retain Topics 13-e (p.72) and 22-a (p.74). (C)

Add the following as a topic:

- (1) "Provide any information available of attempts by the Soviet Bloc to furnish economic aid in the form of loans, grants and capital equipment or provide technical assistance to India." (C)

5. NEPAL

No recommendations made.

6. PAKISTAN

Add the following as topics:

- (1) "Furnish any available information on trade, direct or indirect between Pakistan and the Sino-Soviet Bloc, including attempts to circumvent Western (COCOM-CHINCOM) export controls by transshipping strategic commodities." (C)

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- (2) "Provide any information available of the attempts by the Sino-Soviet Bloc to furnish economic aid in the form of loans, grants and capital equipment or provide technical assistance to Pakistan". (C)

7. SIKXIM

No recommendations made

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